



PPAC

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NEWS WEEK

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Help at hand for stolen wages claimants

Grant Thornton stolen wages team members visited Pormpuraaw to offer community support for claimants to the BELAW Stolen Wages Settlement Scheme last week.

There are still several thousand people who haven't yet sent their correct ID or bank account details since January this year, even though the 28 August deadline is looming.

"It was good to have the stolen wages team in Pormpuraaw on the 12 August, it really helped



community members to get the face to face support," CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said.

"Shavi and Malia worked really hard with the PPAC team to complete most of the stolen wages forms.

"It was only one day but they were

busy – several people wished they had been here for few more days.

"Thank you to Myseesha Holroyd and Paul Ballie, who were big help with pick-ups and drop-offs over the day.

"If anyone is not sure about their stolen wages claim they should go and see PPAC's Sid Moore or Sandra Wason well before the closing date at the end of this month."

Don't forget your Blue Card!

New laws which mean you have to hold a valid Blue Card BEFORE you can work with children start on 31 August.

People will be able to pay for and apply for a blue card before they get a job - this means they can be job-ready.

Volunteers or students who need a blue card will need to be linked to an organisation to get a blue card for free.

[See PPAC office for more info.](#)

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU



Stay at home if you are sick



Wash your hands regularly



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Keep 1.5 metres away from others (as much as you can)



Avoid touching your face



Get tested if you have symptoms

THEN ISOLATE AT HOME UNTIL YOU HAVE THE RESULTS!



Carlo Edwards (above) is a regular PPAC visitor who was keen to catch up this morning and yarn about planning for Father's Day on Sunday 6 September and our NAIDOC celebrations in November. Always good to see you Carlo, enjoy your day!

TAFE Queensland Scholarships applications for Semester 1, 2021 close next week (Thursday 27 August).

- Scholarships up to the value of \$5000 each are available to successful applicants to help with the costs of study.
- Scholarships are available across a wide range of eligible courses from certificate III to degree level.
- Scholarships are to support study at TAFE Queensland from Semester 1, 2021.
- Current students part way through their current TAFE Queensland qualification are eligible to apply provided there is one full semester of that qualification remaining from the commencement of Semester 1, 2021.

The list of eligible courses is available via the scholarships website at <https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/>

RAATSICC NEWS

Romena and Beverley work with RAATSICC, which is the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Advisory Association.

They are available to help families in Pormpuraaw and other Cape communities at any stage of the Child Safety continuum, from investigation to assessment, reunification and identifying long term kin carers for children on Long Term Guardianship orders.

This month they are very happy to announce they have moved into their new, much bigger office behind the RISE building, where families and other workers can visit to talk to them about what they can do, and how they can support our mob in a comfortable and culturally-safe setting.

Romena is a Kugu women who has spent most of her life in Pormpuraaw and is a Fostering Support Worker with the Cape York Foster and Kinship Care Service.

They work in partnership with Churches of Christ Care organisation to recruit, train and support foster and kinship carers.

Her role is to engage with existing and potential foster and kinship carers to provide support through monthly visits, training, advice and advocacy for carers, and practical resources.

If you would like to know more about being a carer in Pormpuraaw, please contact Romena on 0475 877 705.

Family Participation Program (FPP) Convenor Beverly has spent all her life in Pormpuraaw.

Her role is to assist with and host Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Family-Led, Decision-Making Meetings (ATSIFLDM), explore options for potential kin carers, draw up genograms and create a long term case and safety plans.

She also negotiates family plans with Child Safety, stakeholders and the family to address concerns in a culturally-safe environment, taking implementation of the five Child Placement Principles into consideration as she works.

If you would like to contact Beverly, please call her on 0456 416 724.



Who to call and when...

If the situation is serious and urgent call our local Police on **4060 4004** or **000**.

Community members can remain anonymous when reporting illicit activity by calling the 'sly grog' hotline on **1800 500 815**.

To report other crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

For non-urgent incidents, crimes or police inquiries call Police Link on **131 444**.

PPAC PLAYGROUP

Monday: 10am-Midday: Corner Shed

Wednesday: 10am-Midday: School [join us afterwards for light snacks @ Corner Shed]

Friday: 10am-Midday: Maantchangk Women's Shelter and/or down at the beach

Playgroups can be attended by mothers, fathers, grandparents, nannies or other carers and the babies, toddlers and preschool aged children in their care - it is important for parents and carers to engage with their child's learning and development.



If you need transport please contact Sandra on 40 604 001.

ALL WORK AND WALK TOGETHER ON ONE PATH OF HEALING, LEARNING, CARING AND SHARING, CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY